

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1059

By Keisling

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the members and coaches of the Clay County High School boys' basketball team.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should salute those student athletes who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as true champions of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary group of young athletes is the Clay County High School boys' basketball team, whose members have all proven themselves to be the fiercest of competitors and truly worthy of our admiration; and

WHEREAS, making their third straight appearance in the TSSAA Division I, Class A state tournament, the Clay County Bulldogs enjoyed another tremendous season, winning the Region 4-A championship on their way to reaching yet another Final Four in Murfreesboro via a quarterfinal victory over North Greene in the state tournament; and

WHEREAS, the completion of the season brought an end to the storied high school basketball careers of the most accomplished class in Bulldog history, namely seniors Grant Strong, Jeff Spivey, and Eli Smith, who finished with an overall record of 115-15, three region championships, four district championships, and the program's first state title; and

WHEREAS, averaging more than 32 points per game, Bulldog Grant Strong was named Class A Mr. Basketball for the second consecutive season and will continue his basketball career at Tennessee Technological University; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Clay County High School boys' basketball team epitomize all that is good in today's student athletes, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a tremendous season but also surely bode well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Clay County High School boys' basketball team on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the members and coaches of the Clay County High School boys' basketball team upon reaching the semifinal round of the TSSAA Division I, Class A state tournament and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.